

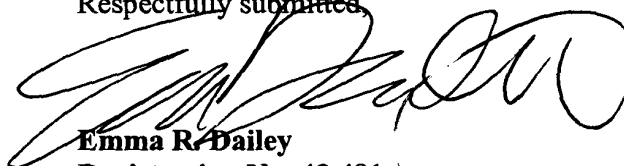
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31. (New) A composition comprising an oligonucleotide in oral dosage form and an excipient, wherein said oligonucleotide comprises at least one modified covalent linkage; and wherein said excipient is precirol.

REMARKS

After entry of the amendment, claims 1-31 will be pending, support for which can be found throughout the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicants have attached hereto a copy of the Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and request an early Office Action to that effect.

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